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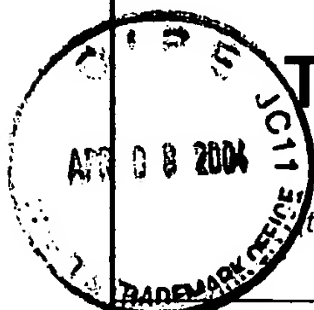
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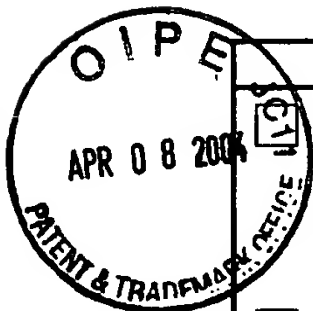


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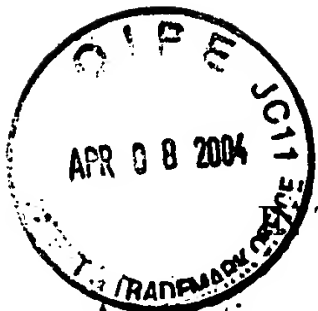
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For: FUNCTIONAL FLUID  
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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, dated March 10, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects for prosecution at this time Group I Claims 1-30, drawn to a function fluid composition. The election of Group I claims is made with traverse without prejudice to the elected Group I claims and without prejudice to the non-elected Group II and III claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested. The Applicant contends that Group I, II and III claims are closely related and have a common utility. The Applicant further contends that the Group I, II and III claims do not pose a serious burden for the examiner by requiring two separate searches.

Because Applicant may wish to pursue claims of the non-elected Group at a later date by Divisional Application, if necessary, it is requested that these claims, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142, be permitted to remain in the application.

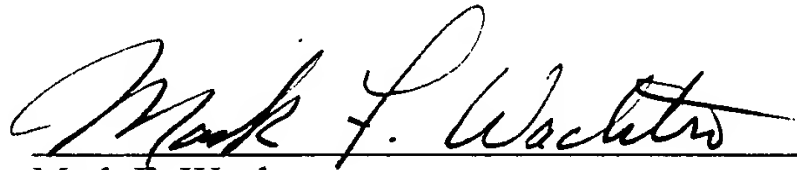
This response does not present any new matter. Accordingly, as all requirements of the Action have been complied with, an action on the merits and a Notice of Allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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